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(54) Title: POLYPEPTIDES AND THEIR USE IN TREATMENT AND PROPHYLAXIS OF AUTO-IMMUNE DISEASE (57) Abstract The present invention provides polypeptide fragments of 9 or more amino acid residues which comprise the sequence VVNKIRG (SEQ ID NO:107), their use in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of auto-immune disease such as rheumatoid arthritis and methods of preparing the fragments.		